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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is being
amended and claim 3 canceled to facilitate the search and
examination of this invention.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend the claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted
to a nucleic acid molecule encoding human cholesteryl ester